

### CHARGE CONSULS WITH COERCION

Envoys at Newcastle Too Active Soliciting for U. S. Ships, British Assert

### EXEQUATURS CANCELED

London, Sept. 1.—(By A. P.)—The closing of the American consulate at Newcastle-on-Tyne following cancellation of the consular exequaturs by the British Government is apparently for an indefinite period. The consulate, it is learned, has been closed since Tuesday.

Fred C. Slater, the consul, has been ordered to Corunna, Spain, and Russell M. Brooks, vice consul, to Dresden. The archives have been transferred to the consulate at Hull, which is the nearest one to Newcastle.

The action of the British Government is said to have been taken on the grounds that the two consular officials were unduly active in soliciting business for the vessels of the United States Shipping Board, and that attempts were made to coerce British subjects into using American vessels instead of British registry. This was denied by Mr. Slater in an interview last night.

The British Government six weeks ago advised the American Government it had proof of abuse by Slater and Brooks of their positions, and had decided reluctantly to withdraw their papers. The Government stated also that it would defer action for a month or two, as the American Government was conducting its own negotiations and might decide to remove the officials itself.

The American Government's reply was that it did not consider any of the allegations substantiated. The British

Government thereupon enforced its decisions.

**Cites Specific Cases**

In the British communication to Washington several specific cases were cited in support of the charges of discrimination. One British traveler, in a sworn statement, the note sets forth, applied to Vice Consul Brooks for a visa to go to the United States in order to visit his brother. Mr. Brooks, according to the statement, expressed doubt as to whether that was the applicant's real purpose and demanded a letter of recommendation. The prospective traveler secured the letter and presented it to the vice consul, who nevertheless seemed still reluctant to grant the visa.

After some remarks about the superiority of the American liners, Mr. Brooks is alleged in the statement to have said: "You seem a decent sort of chap, and I will visa your passport upon condition that you go by the United States lines."

The traveler, he alleges, then went to an agent of the United States lines and provisionally engaged accommodations and the vice consul gave him the visa.

In another case a woman testified Mr. Brooks told her that any one who meant eventually to settle in the United States should give proof of good will by traveling in an American ship, and that he demanded to see her ticket before issuing the visa.

"I felt after talking to Mr. Brooks," the woman testified, "that there was no alternative except to purchase a ticket over that line, which I did; whereupon the vice consul issued the visa."

Another man who had taken out first naturalization papers in the United States alleged he had been asked by Mr. Brooks why, as a prospective citizen of the United States and as a man who was going to earn his living in the United States, he did not show his loyalty to the country by traveling upon a 100 per cent American ship.

**Treaty Confirms Action**

In revoking the exequaturs of Consul Slater and Vice Consul Brooks the British Government declares it was exercising a right already exercised by the American Government and confirmed by an Anglo-American treaty. British

diplomatic officials point out that when in 1856 the American Government revoked the exequaturs of the British consuls in New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati, on the ground of their alleged participation in recruiting men for the British army, the British Government refused to admit that the consuls had acted improperly, but stated it could not "deny to the United States Government a right similar to that which in a parallel case it would claim for itself, namely, the right of forming its own judgment regarding the bearing of the laws of the Union upon transactions which had taken place within the Union."

### ATLANTIC COUNTY FAIR ATTRACTS LARGE CROWD

**Kiwanis Clubs From Many Points Entertained at Egg Harbor**

Egg Harbor, N. J., Sept. 1.—Despite dark clouds, thunder, lightning and heavy showers the opening of the seventh annual Atlantic County Fair was a success here yesterday. Thousands viewed the various exhibits and pronounced them the finest they have seen. School children from every part of the county were the guests of the Fair Committee, receiving free admission tickets. The Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions Clubs of Atlantic City and the Kiwanis Clubs of Hammonton and Pleasantville were the guests of the local Kiwanis Club, and after visiting the fair enjoyed a supper at the Aurora Hotel. Among the speakers were Dr. W. J. Carrington and Judge Clarence Cole, of Atlantic City.

White and Emerson L. Richards, were on the grounds yesterday. Today Senator William N. Runyon, Republican candidate for Governor, will be here. It will be his first public appearance of the campaign. Tomorrow Governor Edwards will be here.

The Egg Harbor Grange, for the best display made by granges, won the large silver cup offered by the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce and an extra cash prize of \$25 offered by Charles E. Wahl, Atlantic City business man. Cologne Grange was second, Leeds Point Grange third and Bargaintown Grange fourth.

### WIFE DEFENDS RICH LEGLESS BEGGAR

"Shorty" Malone Makes Only \$10 or \$15 a Day, She Says in Interview

### CHECK OUT OF HOTEL SUITE

New York, Sept. 1.—Life as the wife of a legless beggar—no, not beggar, pencil seller—who pushes himself around the streets on a little roller platform by day, and returns at night to rooms at the Hotel Marlborough, a trim pair of artificial legs and evening clothes is nothing so extraordinary as to justify reporters asking questions, according to Mrs. Horton A. Malone, whose husband's picturesque dual identity, revealed by proceedings to attach his automobile, interested New York yesterday. The Malones checked out of the hotel last night.

To her, as she complained yesterday that the papers had got everything all wrong, the story she told seemed to be a matter of fact as the history of a country school teacher.

Mrs. Malone is twenty-three, short and plump. Her face is round and serious and the ends of her molasses-tinted, bobbed hair, hang with naive straightness from under her brown hat.

"I never want to see another reporter as long as I live!" she declared. "They said my husband was a beggar. He is not a beggar. He sells pencils. Yes, he sells them on the street and he doesn't wear his legs when he goes out. But that isn't being a beggar, and he doesn't make \$100 a day. Sometimes he makes \$10 a day. Sometimes \$15."

"Then all that about his Tuxedo. He hasn't any Tuxedo. That is, his is so old-fashioned and has been remodeled

so many times it isn't worth talking about.

"And the expensive artificial legs they said he had. His father gave him those, and I know they didn't cost more than \$250, anyway. And his father got him the automobile, too. No, he didn't exactly give it to him. Horton makes the payments, and I guess sometimes his father makes some."

"And he hasn't any chauffeur. David Morrison, the man they said was his chauffeur, helps him with the concessions, puts up the tents and does things like that, and of course sometimes he drives the car and makes repairs on it. No, he isn't a partner; Horton pays him."

"And we have no children. So you see it's all wrong."

"You see, Horton hadn't lost his legs when I met him. He was working the fairs, and he came to Pittsburgh, where I lived with my mother, Mrs. Sarah Demko. I used to do practical nursing. We were married about five years ago. Then, three months later, at Kanova, O., he slipped under a train and it cut off both his legs."

**Works the Fairs**

"Well, when he got well, he went on working the fairs, and I worked with him. He sells dolls and things, and I sell sandwiches."

"All winter we follow the fairs, driving in the automobile from one city to the next. We ought to be out now; we would have started on the 28th if it hadn't been for this."

According to Morrison, the little difficulty over the \$100 bill of Lawyer Henry Frank was settled yesterday morning and Malone's automobile will be returned to him today.

There is no record at the Department of Licenses of any peddler's license issued to Horton A. Malone.

**Force Safe: Get Stamps**

Thieves broke into the laundry of Thomas Walker, at Fourth and Washington streets, Camden, last night and wrenched the door from the safe. They got only some stamps. This is the second time the place has been entered.

**WHAT'S THE FEATURE FOR TODAY?**

Every day in the Evening Public Ledger, you'll find an entry page devoted to some very recent nationwide topic. "Make It a Habit."—Ad.

### RAILWAY STRIKER HELD IN DELAWARE

Wilmington Authorities Charge Malicious Mischief in Daubing Homes

### KILLED BY SAFETY GATE

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger Wilmington, Del., Sept. 1.—Charles S. Morris, a railroad striker, was held yesterday under \$500 bail for the Court of General Sessions by Judge Lynn in the Municipal Court on a charge of malicious mischief resulting from his admitted implication in painting non-strikers' homes. Morris admitted he had been with a man named "King" on

the painting trip, but denied having anything to do with the painting. "King" has not been found.

Declaring that while he did not know the cause of the explosion that yesterday morning wrecked a portion of the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Fourteenth street, Edward B. Logan, chairman of the Advisory Committee of the striking shopmen, charged that the act was done in the interests of the railroads and was intended to create public sympathy in the railroad companies' favor. He made this charge at the opening of the mass-meeting of strikers yesterday.

**German Home Robbed**

The home of Emily G. Van Cleave, at 235 West Bittenhus street, Germantown, was entered by sneak thieves last night and silverware valued at \$25 was stolen.

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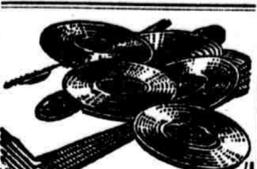
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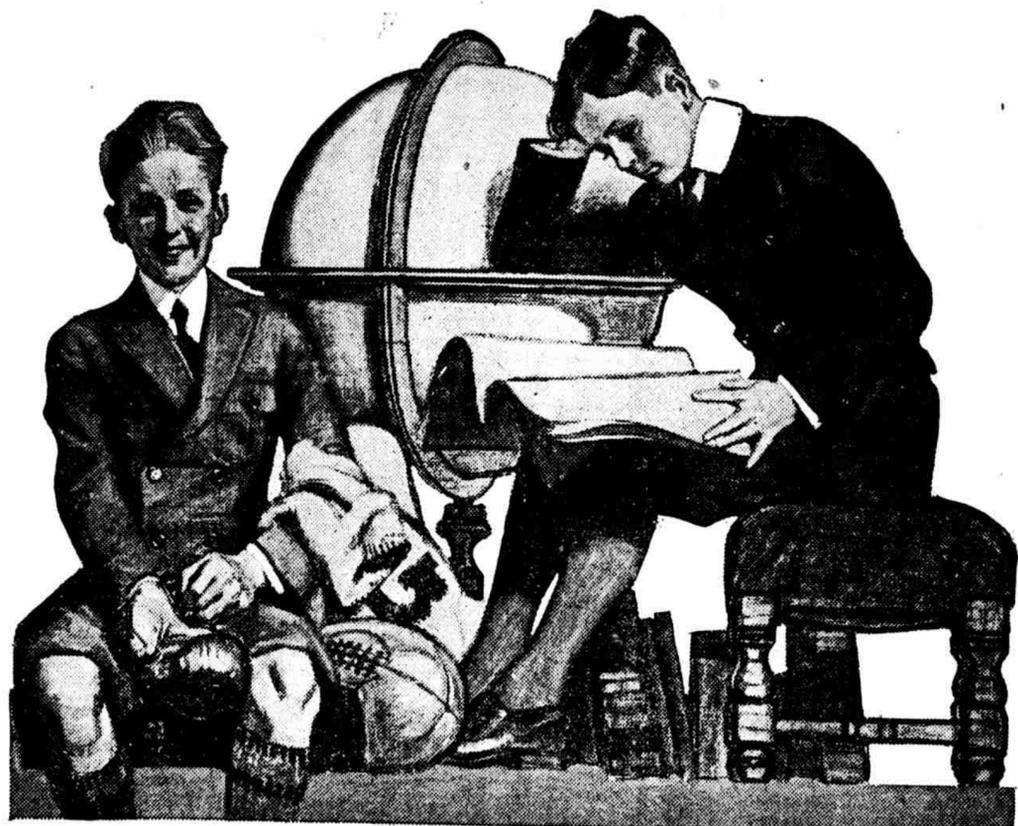
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